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☑ Reading Tips

- ✔ Read to your child every day.
- ✔ Point to the words as you read them, and let your child point too.
- ✔ Let your child turn the pages for you.
- ✔ Have your child try and say the words you read.
- ✔ Ask your child questions about the story you are reading.
- ✔ Have your child tell the story back to you.
- ✔ Let your child try and read to you.
- ✔ If your child brings a book to you, read it right then and there if you can.
- ✔ Sit close together and share the book with your child when you read together.
- ✔ If your child gets fussy, stop reading or pick up a new book.
- ✔ Let your child play with books. Don't ever keep them out of reach.

Don't get hung up on words. If you come across some words you can't read, that's okay. Make up the words as you go along. Just keep reading!

☑ Learning Tips

Reading to your child is only one way to help him or her become a good reader someday. Here are some other ways you can help.

- ✔ Talk to your child all the time, no matter how young he or she is.
- ✔ Tell your child stories. Make them up if you need to.
- ✔ Play counting games with your child.
- ✔ Don't just watch a TV program. Talk about it.
- ✔ Show your child written words for the things he or she says.
- ✔ Take your child on trips to the zoo, the park, the bookstore, and other places. Talk about all of the new things you see on your trip.
- ✔ Go to the library. Find out what programs they offer for children. Get a library card for yourself and your child.
- ✔ Make sure your child has books around at all times.
- ✔ Make sure you have books too, and that your child sees you reading.
- ✔ Sign your child up for learning programs.

☑ School Tips

- ✔ Make sure your child doesn't miss too much school.
- ✔ Help your child with his or her homework if you can.
- ✔ Make sure you get to know the teachers.
- ✔ Whenever there is a meeting at school for parents, GO.
- ✔ Know your rights as a parent. You have a right:
  - —to know how your child is doing in school.
  - —to see your child's school records.
  - —to know about test scores and have them explained to you.
  - —to get special education help for your child.
  - —to help plan the special education program for your child.

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Some people WAIT for things to happen.

Some people MAKE things happen. How about you?

If you have had a hard time learning to read, change that by just calling us. We will put you in touch with someone who can help you – a tutor. Together, you can set up a time to meet.

Help is free, confidential, and for adults like you, or maybe for your friend. Help is even available in languages other than English.

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Getting Help

If you need help with your reading, or if you just want to talk with someone about reading. . . Call:

ILLINOIS ADULT LEARNING HOTLINE
1-800-321-9511

For information about the Illinois literacy effort, contact:

Secretary of State Literacy Office
431 S. Fourth Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701
(217) 785-6921

For information on children's books and reading programs, contact:

Youth Services Consultant
Illinois State Library
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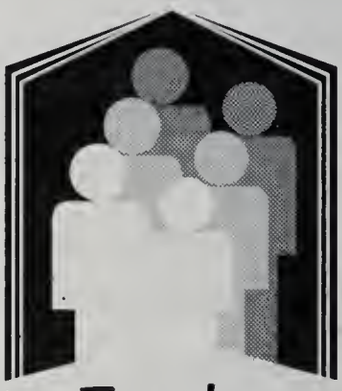

Families that read together... grow together

Work. Dinner. Dishes. Baths. Too many families get caught up in a daily whirl of activity that doesn't include time for reading.

Stop the whirl and read on Family Reading Night, the third Thursday in November. Tuck your children into bed with a good book. You'll give them dreams that will last a lifetime.

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